



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – February 22, 2016

FirstNet News

- Reminder: FirstNet will hold a SPOC webinar on Friday, February 26 from 1-3:00 PM ET. The webinar will cover an RFP update, a consultation update, and a preview of the Spring 2016 SPOC Meeting agenda. We look forward to your participation.
- On February 19, FirstNet released the first set of answers to the 400+ questions received on its [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) for the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN). Additionally, in response to questions received, FirstNet is extending the deadline for submitting capability statements, which are optional, by two weeks, to March 31. As a result, FirstNet is also extending the deadline for final RFP proposals by two weeks, from April 29 to May 13. For more information, please see the [press release](#).
- Last week, the User Advocacy team continued SPOC 2016 consultation kick-off meetings with Illinois, Guam, Maine, New Jersey, American Samoa, and South Dakota. Over the weekend FirstNet senior management, board member Jeff Johnson, and the government affairs team attended the National Governors Association (NGA) annual winter meeting in Washington, D.C. At the meeting, FirstNet provided an update to all attending Chiefs of Staff on the progress of the project. This was followed by a Q&A session covering topics that included opt-in/out, revenue flow, and timelines. FirstNet staff also presented on the RFP and consultation plans and activities for 2016 to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Telecommunications & Technology Steering Committee during the NACo Legislative Conference. There were local officials from approximately 15 states in attendance. Sheriff Len Humphries, the PSAC NACo representative, also spoke about FirstNet during the conference.
- This week, FirstNet is participating in the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) 9-1-1 Goes to Washington event in Arlington, Virginia; the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) Information & Communications Technology Workshop in Vancouver, British Columbia; the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)-Indian Country Law Enforcement Section Mid-Year meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada; the Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board Meeting and Training Conference in Traverse City, Michigan; the Professional Firefighters of Vermont meeting in Montpelier, Vermont; the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Legislative meeting in Washington, DC; the Capitol Hill Technology Showcase in Washington, DC; the Mohawk Tribal Disaster Council meeting in Akwesasne, New York; and the 2016 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Today meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- The PSAC continues with weekly conference call meetings with the ICAM and Local Control Task Teams.

Media Watch

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Urgent Communications: FirstNet receives more than 400 questions about RFP, plans to begin publishing answers 'within the week'

<http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/firstnet-receives-more-400-questions-about-rfp-plans-begin-publishing-answers-within-we>

FirstNet received more than 400 questions about its request for proposal (RFP) that was released last month and plans to begin publishing answers "within the week," according to a FirstNet spokesperson.

Connect Iowa Blog: Reading Room Offers Public Access to All Things FirstNet

<http://www.connectiowa.org/blog/post/reading-room-offers-public-access-all-things-firstnet>

RFP candidates, state and local organizations, communities, and citizens interested in knowing more about FirstNet—its history, mission, details on the national public safety network RFP—may want to review the FirstNet Reading Room.

Seeking Alpha: Comparing The Top 4 Wireless Carriers: FirstNet

<http://seekingalpha.com/article/3902216-comparing-top-4-wireless-carriers-firstnet>

The American government does not plan to build FirstNet on its own but to allow an existing wireless network to build and operate the network.

TR Daily 2/16: FirstNet To Post First Batch of RFP Answers

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) this week plans to post the first batch of answers to the more than 400 questions it got on the request for proposals (RFP) it released last month (TRDaily, Jan. 13), FirstNet spokeswoman April Ward said today. Questions on the RFP were due Feb. 12. "We're very pleased with the questions that came in and the amount of interest shown," she said. She said FirstNet would answer questions in batches as it did after it released its draft RFP last year (TRDaily, April 27, 2015). FirstNet also plans to hold a pre-proposal conference on March 10 at 1:30 p.m. at its Reston, Va., headquarters.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet continues to see a good deal of activity on its social media sites. Twitter now has 3,217 followers; LinkedIn has 1,342 followers; YouTube has 224 subscribers; and Google+ now has 66 users.